

OLD SEAPORTS COME TO LIFE VERY RAPIDLY

Revival in Shipping Brings Prosperity to American Seaboard Towns.

ONCE BUSY MARTS OF TRADE

Same Spirit That Made Old Salem Rich Now Seen in Merchant Marine's Development—New Ports Springing Up.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—One effect of the present rapid expansion of the American merchant marine is a sudden and unprecedented revival of business at certain American ports which a few years ago were thought to have passed their zenith.

Bath, Me., is cited as an example. In the prosperous nineteenth century days of sailing ships Bath was the harbor town's leading shipbuilding port. It declined steadily after the introduction of steel as a building material.

Now Bath, building both steel and wood vessels, is again prosperous, and the housing of the workmen taking jobs there is a pressing problem. The same is true of several other North Atlantic ports, while in other sections, ports are springing up where none existed before.

Closely observers of the present revival in shipping say that before the United States Shipping Board's present construction plan is completed—a plan by which a vast new merchant fleet is to be brought into being—the development of American ports will parallel to a larger scale that which took place in the "good old day of the square riggers."

In earlier times, as at present, everybody in a port touched by the prosperity of seagoing was keenly interested in shipping. Present-day seagoing, however, is different. It is a business, and the shipping men, who are in charge of the ships, are in charge of the business. They are in charge of the business, and the business is in charge of the shipping men.

Commercial activity is finding expression in shipping expression to-day on a larger and less personal scale, say the experts of the Shipping Board, and these students of conditions trace the present enthusiasm of the nation for seafaring to beginnings in definite periods in which our old-time ports were at the height of their prosperity. In fact, they cite Salem as a good example of what a venturesome people may gain upon the sea.

Salem at one time stood at the head of the cities of the United States in the value of its imports.

In 1812 it had 125 ships in the deep-water trade, and of these, fifty-eight were East India men. The harbor brought home cargoes of fabulous richness—silks, indigo, spices, ivory and other products of the Far East. They also traded to European ports with great profit.

There are old people living in Salem who remember when the city's ancient warehouses were full of hemp from Luzon, pepper from Sumatra, coffee from Arabia, palm oil from the west coast of Africa, cotton from Bombay, duck and iron from the Baltic, tallow from Madagascar, wax from the Indies, wine from Portugal and the Madeira, figs, raisins and almonds from the Mediterranean, teas and silks from China, rum, sugar and molasses from the West Indies, ivory and gum from Zanzibar, rubber, hides and wool from South America, whale oil from the Arctic and Antarctic, and the sperm from the South Seas.

Salem ships were pioneers in opening new routes of commerce. Salem merchants were the first to bring pepper from Sumatra, rubber from South America and coffee from Mocha. The Salem ship Recovery, Captain John Lopes, was the coffee pioneer, and between the landing of her first cargo of the fragrant berry in 1788 and 1805, Salem imported not less than 12,000,000 pounds of Mocha coffee.

Salem men were perhaps no more active than other American deep-water sailors of the period, but their records were better kept.

Examining the causes of Salem's great fame won upon the sea, a recent historian of the merchant marine found that it was "not in her harbor, nor in her store of shipbuilding timber. . . . It was Salem men. . . . Americans of the Americans who built up the maritime commerce that left no sea unvisited, no land unexplored. . . . Their business required iron will and iron nerve, a noble imagination, belief in themselves and in their fellow-men."

The case of old Salem, and of the newer ports now flourishing under the impetus of the country's present commercial expansion, convinces the maritime specialists that the quality which won in both cases is a constant one, being nothing less than American enterprise.

BALL AT GRAYS' ARMORY

Liberal Sum Is Cleared for Howitzer State Guard Uniform Fund.

With a large attendance, the dance for the benefit of the Howitzer Battery was held last night at the Grays' Armory, and the affair is said to have cleared a considerable sum for the Howitzer uniform fund.

The group of men in uniform, the shuffling of hundreds of feet in unison, the martial airs played by the orchestra, and the numerous Union Jacks, Confederate banners and tricolors floating from the balconies and ceilings threw an atmosphere decidedly military over the crowded hall.

WOMEN SUFFERERS MAY NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands upon thousands of women have kidney, bladder trouble and never suspect it.

Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease. If the kidneys are in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased.

Pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness, are often times symptoms of kidney trouble.

Don't delay starting treatment. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription, obtained at any drug store, may be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions.

Get a medium or large size bottle immediately from any drug store.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention The Richmond Sunday Times-Dispatch—Adv.

FEDERAL AGENTS HOLD NINE OTHER SUSPECTS

Mysterious Code and Weeping Woman's Tissue Paper Seized for Further Investigation.

An ATLANTIC PORT, February 9.—When the final count was tallied of the detained passengers on the Nieuw Amsterdam, Holland-American liner, under guard here, the number was increased from forty reported yesterday to forty-nine to-night. Of this number nine are first-class and the remainder are second-class. All persons were permitted to come ashore to-day.

Officials would not confirm to-day the report that a man detained had confessed to being a German spy, and that he was carrying mysterious messages to co-workers in this country. The cross-questioning of the prisoners began to-day. Each person was called upon to explain all the suspicious looking letters or papers confiscated by the secret service men among the personal effects of the passengers. All were questioned as to why they were coming to the United States.

One woman who had vast quantities of fine tissue paper in her possession, proved baffling. All questions were answered by tears. The tissue paper has been seized and after careful examination for some hidden message or traces of invisible ink has been turned over to chemists for analysis.

One man is alleged to have had in his possession a peculiar looking code which the authorities have not been able to decipher. It is believed this may be the key to a gigantic conspiracy, although two passengers detained are under guard. The ship has been in charge of the naval authorities since Friday night.

Officials to-night stated that in the future all ships arriving at American ports from neutral countries will undergo such an inspection. Recent developments have made this precaution necessary it was stated.

FOR SCHOOL-TEACHERS

Special Reception at the Woman's Club To-Morrow Morning in Their Honor.

The hospitality and courtesies of the Woman's Club will be extended to the teachers of the Richmond schools to-morrow, from 10:30 to 1 o'clock, and an informal entertainment will be given in their honor.

Mrs. Henry Aylett Sampson will give an author's reading. Mrs. Bethel and Mrs. Scrivener will sing, and music will be furnished by the quartet which departed all who were present on Virginia Day at the club, and is composed of Miss Helen Stevens, Miss Elie Wortham, Mrs. Hamilton Smith and Mrs. Bethel, with Miss Jean Trigg as accompanist.

Because of the limited time and the difficulty of reaching all the teachers by personal invitation, each teacher is cordially invited to be present and to notify other young women who are teaching, in order that there may be a full attendance.

MADAME GLUCK TO SING

Well-Known Artist to Give Song Recital in City Auditorium on March 11.

Alma Gluck, noted Metropolitan concert artist, will give a song recital in the City Auditorium, March 11. Mme. Gluck is a great favorite in Richmond and will be greeted by a crowded house of the music lovers of Richmond.

Class in Interpretative Dancing. Interpretative dancing is attracting special attention at the Y. W. C. A. at present. This class meets every Wednesday from 8:15 to 9:15. Members are enthusiastic over the prospect of an entertainment in March at the association building when they will interpret the story of Narcissus, supported by the whole gymnasium in historical, national and aesthetic dances.

BRITISH HOUSING PLANS FOR AFTER-WAR PERIOD

Government to Provide Small, but Artistic, Modern Buildings for Working People.

WILL BUILD 300,000 HOMES

Playgrounds and Provisions Against Overcrowding Called For in Report of Technical Committee of Town-Planning Council.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—A copy of the report of Consul McBride, of London, which has just been received by the government, shows a certification of building operations.

A law prohibiting construction work of all kinds in the United Kingdom went into effect soon after the outbreak of the war, and since that time no building operations have been allowed the cost of which would exceed \$500 (roughly, \$1,500). This does not affect construction work undertaken by the government or buildings erected under special license for war purposes, but the complete cessation of the construction of residences is now resulting in a decided shortage of houses, especially marked in the districts given over primarily to the laboring classes. It is held that during the war these conditions will have to be borne, but the government is fully alive to the fact that immediately after the close of hostilities a comprehensive program must be undertaken to solve the housing problem.

The technical committee set up by the national housing and town planning council has now submitted its interim report to the local government board. The committee took as a basis of its inquiries the statement by the president of the local government board that 300,000 houses for the working classes should be built by the state in England and Wales alone. This estimate does not cover the pressing needs of Scotland. It is said that in order to carry out this program the organizing ability of at least one-half of the employers in the building trades and the labor of 400,000 men will be required. The committee points out that if 200,000 urban and 100,000 rural houses are erected, this will do no more than to make up for the shortage of new houses directly due to stoppage of building during the war, and will leave untouched the general housing problem with overcrowded dwellings in town and country.

BETTER HOUSES RECOMMENDED FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE

The report says that it will be necessary at the close of the war to ask higher rents than these current before the war. For this reason the houses must be made attractive to be well worth the extra rent charged.

It is recommended that the government should furnish money for these projects only when the general plan of the housing estate or area meets with the local government board's approval. The areas should be laid out on modern town-planning lines, and the number of houses per acre in urban districts should not exceed twelve. Recreation grounds, playgrounds for children, and open spaces should be provided. No house should be more than 200 yards from a playground, which should be accessible without crossing a main road. Local authorities should have power to exclude heavy traffic from the residential streets, and it is

further provided that residential streets may be narrow, but main roads should be sufficiently wide to accommodate all traffic.

The report also calls attention to the fact that the supply of bricks and stone for 300,000 houses is a question of considerable importance, though it is not regarded as an insuperable difficulty. At present the brick-making industry throughout the country is not in a prosperous condition, and it was pointed out that some action should be taken for keeping the brickyards in efficient working order so that large stocks of bricks will be available at the close of the war.

ARRESTS YESTERDAY

Earle Taylor Accused of Attempting to Work Old Film-Film Game.

Affecting the voice of a woman and covering his head with a cloak, Earle Taylor, colored, of 2119 Carrington Avenue, has attempted to film-film errand boys hired by stores in the neighborhood of the First Police Station during the past few weeks. Detectives Bertucci and Duffy last night worked in conjunction with a call which came from the young colored man to A. W. Broadbush's drug store, and succeeded in trapping Taylor. The method he used was to ask for certain goods and add that change for \$5 should be brought along. He was locked up at the First Station last night charged with larceny.

H. S. Barber, a salesman, from West Virginia, was arrested by Patrolman M. J. Duran yesterday on complaint of John D. Chapin, alleging that Barber had given him a worthless check for \$18.

For annoying women on Broad Street, Claude W. Carter, aged twenty-seven years, was arrested and taken to the First Station by Traffic Officer Cling.

Thirteen colored men, charged with being disorderly and gambling at 103 North Ninth Street, were marched into the First Police Station by Detectives Bertucci and Duffy and Patrolman Lumpkin last night. Fleming Taylor, charged with being a suspicious character, was also brought in by the same officers.

James Boyd, colored, was arrested at Elba Station last night by Patrolmen Allen and Frayer. He had eighteen pints of ardent spirits in his possession. Henry H. Tucker, of the First District, found a hand bag containing a quantity of whisky at the Byrd Street Station last night.

WILL ADDRESS CHEMISTS

Dr. R. M. Bird, of University, to Speak Before Club Here on Friday Night.

Dr. R. M. Bird, professor of chemistry at the University of Virginia, will address a meeting of the Virginia Chemists' Club at the University Club on Friday evening, on the subject of "The Chemist, His Shop or Home."

At the meeting of the club to be held in March, Dr. H. C. Sherman, professor of food chemistry at Columbia University, has been engaged to speak. His subject will be announced in the notice of that meeting.

NUCKOLS ARRESTED

Charged With Violating Prohibition Law in Fredericksburg, Released on Bail.

T. P. Nuckols, of 1507 Park Avenue, against whom a charge of violating the prohibition law was lodged in Fredericksburg a few weeks ago, when a large quantity of liquor was seized, was placed under arrest here last night on a warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice. Patrolman J. L. Williams served the warrant.

Nuckols was released on bail and will be arraigned on Tuesday.

INDORSES ELECTION OF SUPREME COURT JUDGES

Central Trades and Labor Council to Consider Workmen's Compensation Bill.

The following resolutions, indorsing the popular election of the Virginia Supreme Court judges, were unanimously adopted by the Richmond Central Trades and Labor Council last night:

"Whereas, Governor Westmoreland Davis has recommended, in his message to the Legislature of Virginia, that the judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals be elected by the people; and

"Whereas, a bill is now pending before the Virginia Legislature to so provide; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the Richmond Central Trades and Labor Council, representing seventy-three labor organizations of this city, in meeting assembled, that this measure be heartily indorsed; and the legislative committee be instructed to work for its adoption."

An important meeting of the legislative committee of the Central Trades and Labor Council has been called by Chairman Howard T. Colvin to meet in room 406, Lyric Theater Building, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Among the matters to come before the committee will be the workmen's compensation bill, the conscription of labor bill and a number of the other measures affecting the working people of the state.

STEAMER ASKS HELP

Alarm Is Immediately Dispatched to All Stations Along East Coast.

[By Associated Press.] AN ATLANTIC PORT, February 9.—A call for immediate assistance from a steamer in distress, far out at sea, was picked up to-day by the Cape Race Station and sent broadcast. Naval authorities said they had no information as to the nature of the ship's trouble.

School Principals Meet

The Principals' Club of the Richmond Public Schools held its usual monthly meeting last night at Murphy's Hotel. Owing to the unfavorable weather, this organization postponed the January meeting until the present month. The attendance of the members was the best of the term.

House Passes Huge Bill

WASHINGTON, February 9.—The House to-day passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill carrying \$5,055,000.

AMERICAN SURVIVORS LANDED AT BELFAST

Battalion of Royal Irish Regiment, Headed by Band, Welcomes Shipwrecked Men.

[By Associated Press.] BELFAST, February 9.—Between 100 and 200 American soldiers from the Tuscania arrived here Friday. They were met at the railway station by a battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment, headed by the regimental band, which escorted them to temporary quarters. Crowds of citizens assembled at the station and in the streets and greeted the Americans with enthusiasm. The survivors appeared to be little the worse for their terrible experiences except for the nondescript clothing they wore. Many had British army coats.

Lord Mayor Johnston has received from Ambassador Page a letter thanking him for the help given the survivors, "which will be appreciated deeply by the American government and people."

TWENTY-NINE SURVIVORS LAND AT TERSCHELLING

AMSTERDAM, February 9.—The steamship Friesland (Friesland?), loaded with grain, from an American port and presumably bound for Rotterdam, was torpedoed yesterday after being bombed. Six men were killed, according to the Handelsblad. Twenty-nine survivors were landed at Terschelling this morning.

May Have Been on Tuscania

Policeman J. H. Dubuque, of 525-A North Eleventh Street, was yesterday endeavoring to secure information relative to his brother, Sergeant Earl C. Dubuque, who may have been on the transport Tuscania, which was torpedoed.

The brother of Patrolman Dubuque was stationed on Long Island prior to sailing. His home was in Detroit, Mich.

DEATHS

GRIFFIN—Died, February 9, 1918, at 915 P. M. at his late residence, 1427 Mosby Street, JOHN "JACK" L. GRIFFIN after a lingering illness, in his forty-fourth year. He leaves a devoted wife, Lucy Mahone Griffin, his mother, sister, Mrs. J. H. Watkins, brother, G. Griffin.

TAYLOR—Departed this life Saturday morning at 11 A. M. at his residence, 129 West Hill Street, PRESTON TAYLOR, beloved husband of Annie Taylor. He is survived by his widow and two sons and one daughter.

Funeral services TUESDAY, February 12, at 2 o'clock, at the Second Baptist Church by the Rev. Z. D. Lewis, pastor.

ESPIONAGE CONVICTIONS AT PANAMA

PANAMA, Friday, February 8.—The first convictions for violation of the espionage act were made in the Canal Zone court to-day. Two Colombians had concealed letters and more gold than was allowed under the law, and attempted to leave the zone. They were fined \$5 each.

No Slackers Here

CARLINVILLE, ILL., February 9.—There are no slackers among the registrants for military service here. The district exemption board has published what they consider their honor roll, showing not one of the sixty-eight men asked for exemption.

Moving Pictures

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New Spring Garments

Other than this interesting collection of Women's New Spring Garments, where would one seek information more correct in relation to the new Spring Suits, Dresses, Skirts and Coats? Needless to anticipate greater variety or more pleasing selection anywhere else, and initial displays are being augmented daily with new creations that make their appearance with the arrival of nearly every express. It is the realm of Fashion placed within an arm's length of every woman, and our "Style-Specialization" is made manifest at every turn—as much in the very attractive prices as through the medium of Correct Style itself. In this sense what follows deserve special mention:

New Spring Suits, \$25.00

—Smart models of All-Wool Serge and Poplin, in numerous styles that include chic tailored and novelty styles, with half or full-lined coats. These will be found in Navy, Tan, Rookie, Gray, Pekin Blue and Tan, and are truly worth investigating at. . . . \$25.00

New Spring Suits, \$39.50

—Unusual interest attaches to the Suits involved at this price. Even the woman who is most discriminating is sure to be easily gratified where selection is so broad. Of Tricotine, Serge, Gabardine, Knit Cloths and Poirer Twills. Sport, Dress and Street models in all the most desired shades. . . . \$39.50

Suits at Other Prices

—Taken collectively, impossible to delineate individually the new Spring Suits that are coming in daily are true to the very latest mandates of Fashion, Line and Color; of highest grade materials, in Sport, Novelty and Tailored models, at many prices between:

\$19.50 to \$75.00

Two Important Spring Dress Items

—Exquisite new Dresses of Serge, Taffeta, Jersey; also Serge combined with Foulard or Taffeta, are presented in the smartest of Street Frocks, revealing all the dominant touches of Spring, and a representative calendar of prevailing colors at. . . . \$29.50

—Unnecessary is the statement that you will be charmed with this showing of New Afternoon and Street Frocks, made of Figured Chiffons, Foulards, Plain and Figured Georgettes, Serges, Tricotine and Jerseys. All colors and sizes to choose from. . . . \$39.50

Other New Dresses, \$14.75 to \$69.50

Of Georgette, Serge, Foulard and Serge Combinations, Jerseys, Tricotines, Taffeta and Satin in styles that define every personal wish or fancy, meeting the individual whims of every requirement or function. Only the most popular colors, of course.



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Although some one enrolls at SMITHDEAL'S nearly every day, it sometimes happens that a large number select the same day to begin.

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